

TABLE 6E. Drilling Statistics for Oil, Gas, Dry, and Service Wells as Reported by Drilling Contractors for 1963, 1958, 1954, and 1939, and by Geographic Areas: 1963 Continued

Footnotes for Table 6E-13D

¹ Represents wells drilled which were completed during the year, and includes wells completed during the year, although begun in the previous year.

² Dry holes represent wells drilled and abandoned without commercial production during the year, even if converted to service wells. Service wells include gas-injection, water-injection, and brine disposal wells, but exclude converted wells.

³ Respondents were asked to include the cost of labor, supplies, water, fuel, and power used in such operations as erecting and dismantling drilling rig and derrick, drilling hole, running and cementing casing, and hauling materials (including machinery and tool charges) insofar as such services were provided by the contractor who drilled the well. Respondents were asked to exclude such items as taxes, interest on investments, and overhead costs. The figures exclude payments made directly to other than drilling contractors by operators of oil and gas field properties.

⁴ Figure for service wells is included with that for dry holes.

⁵ Includes the cost of delivering and installing equipment. Excludes the value of equipment that was salvaged and used again but includes the cost of salvaging.

⁶ Only 6 dry holes were reported drilled by contractors classified in South Dakota.

⁷ Represents West Virginia; 1 oil well drilled by contractors classified in Virginia; and 3 oil wells, 3 dry holes, and 2 service wells reported drilled by contractors classified in Florida.

⁸ Only 3 oil wells and 6 dry holes were reported drilled by contractors classified in Tennessee.

⁹ Figure for gas wells is included with that for oil wells.

¹⁰ Only 3 oil wells and 5 dry holes were reported drilled by contractors classified in Nevada.

¹¹ Only 7 dry holes were reported drilled by contractors classified in Washington.

¹² Figure for service wells is included with that for gas wells.

¹³ Figures for gas wells and service wells are included with those for dry holes.

¹⁴ Figure for gas wells is included with that for dry holes.

¹⁵ Figures for Utah and Nevada are included with that for Montana.